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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

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1. WE SHARE EMBASSY'S SENSE OF DISMAY AT DENKTASH'S
INTRANSIGENCE. NEVERTHELESS, HAVING COME THIS FAR, AND
WITH THE BENEFIT OF A VERY HELPFUL THIRD COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION AND AN OUTCOME IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT IS
SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT
AT THIS POINT ABANDON OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A COMPROMISE
SOLUTION. CHELIK'S EXPRESSED READINESS TO TAKE UP THE
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CUDGELS WITH DENKTASH UPON HIS RETURN TO NICOSIA (REFTEL B)
GIVES US SOME CAUSE FOR HOPE.

2. WE AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR THAT ANY FURTHER APPROACH TO
CHRISTOPHIDES SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL KIDNAPPING CRISIS
HAS BEEN RESOLVED. THIS PAUSE SHOULD GIVE CHELIK TIME TO
DISCUSS MATTER THOROUGHLY WITH DENKTASH AND SEEK TO

REVERSE HIS NEGATIVE STANCE.

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT MEZVINSKY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO CYPRUS TO CONTINUE HIS MEDIATORY EFFORTS OF THE PAST SIX WEEKS, IF THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE. ARRIVAL IN CYPRUS OF A SPECIAL U.S. MEDIATOR WOULD, OF COURSE, UNDERSCORE TO CYPRIOT PARTIES OUR CONTINUING DEEP INTEREST IN PROMOTING RESOLUTION OF MISSING PERSONS PROBLEM. AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD BE HESITANT TO ENDORSE SUCH A MAJOR STEP SHOULD THERE NOT EXIST REASONABLE POSSIBILITY FOR REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT INEVITABLE PUBLICITY ATTENDANT UPON A SPECIAL MISSION WOULD NOT FORCE DENKTASH INTO A CORNER AND MAKE HIM EVEN MORE UNYIELDING. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR ADVICE ON THIS.
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